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For Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

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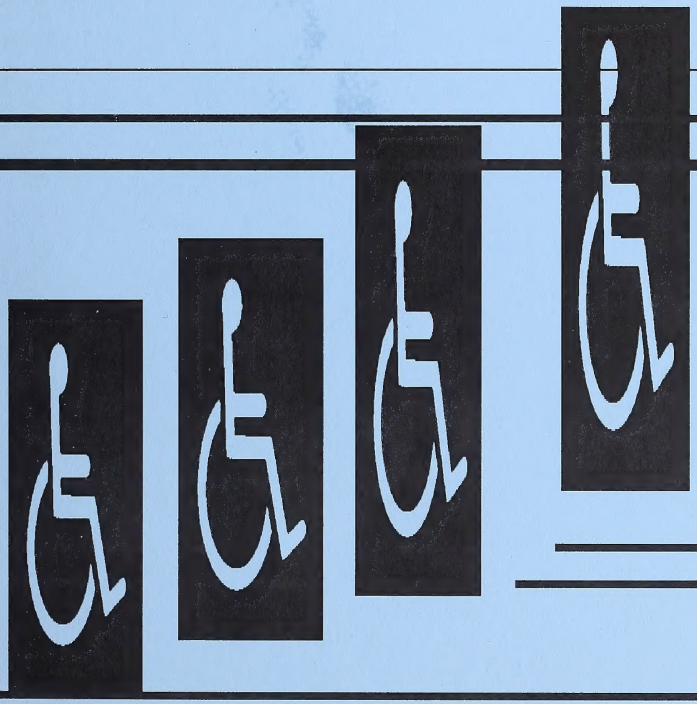

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Barrier-Free Access Guide

Feel the warmth of the sun on your face and listen to the sound of the loon's call while you take in the splendour of Alberta's landscape. These sights and sounds are there for everyone to enjoy in one of Alberta's provincial parks or recreation areas.

Exploring the great outdoors can be challenging for someone in a wheelchair. To help disabled visitors enjoy Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas, the Government of Alberta is committed to improving access to park facilities and services.

There are currently a number of parks and recreation areas that provide some level of barrier-free access. Existing facilities in some parks are being modified in order to make them barrier-free, or to update old barrier-free facilities to current standards. As major facilities are upgraded and new facilities are developed, specific "barrier-free" standards will be incorporated to ensure that barrier-free access is provided to a wider range of facilities.

What is meant by barrier-free access?

Buildings are considered to be accessible if they meet the standards contained in the "Barrier-Free Design Guide" produced by the Building Standards Branch of Alberta Labour. Currently there are no established "barrier-free" standards for some facilities, such as trails or campsites. In these cases, park staff consulted with local interest groups to determine the needs of disabled visitors in order to develop appropriate standards.

The level of accessibility varies between parks. Some parks will have a number of "barrier-free" facilities, while other parks may have only a wheelchair accessible washroom. Additional services may also vary from one location to another. For example, some parks may also have barrier-free access to facilities such as fishing piers, viewpoints, amphitheatres, garbage containers, and firewood enclosures or have specially designed stoves and tables.

Provincial parks and recreation areas that provide a higher level of barrier-free access to services or facilities will be identified by this symbol on highway signs.

This symbol means that there will be wheelchair access to a washroom facility, campsites designed for wheelchair use (except in parks which are day use only), a drinking water source and a telephone which are accessible, plus a barrier-free path of travel to these facilities.

The following parks and recreation areas have been designated as providing a higher level of accessibility: Aspen Beach, Big Knife, Chain Lakes, Cold Lake, Crimson Lake, Dunvegan, Fish Creek, Floatingstone Lake, Franchere Bay, Gregoire Lake, Jarvis Bay, Long Lake, Midland, Miquelon Lake, Park Lake, Pembina River, Pigeon Lake, Queen Elizabeth, Red Lodge, Rochon Sands, Strathcona Science Park, Sylvan Lake, Thunder Lake, Tillebrook, Vermilion, Wabamun Lake, William A. Switzer, Whitney Lakes and Wyndham-Carseland.

Other parks and recreation areas not identified by a highway symbol that are listed in this guide, generally have more limited access to services and facilities.

A detailed listing of wheelchair accessible facilities and services in provincial parks and recreation areas is found in this guide. Parks and recreation areas with no wheelchair access or difficult access have not been included.

Kananaskis Country...

Kananaskis Country offers many facilities and services which are wheelchair accessible. Some basic information is included in this brochure, however for more details please call: Kananaskis Country (Calgary Office) **297-3362**.

For More Information...

For more information on facilities and services for persons with disabilities in provincial parks and recreation areas call: Vacation Sales and Services, Alberta Economic Development and Tourism: **427-4321**, or toll free at **1-800-661-8888**.

ALBERTA PARKS SERVICES

Wheelchair Accessible Facilities

Parks/ Recreation Areas	Location
Aspen Beach Provincial Park	On Gull Lake 17 km W. of Lacombe on Hwy.12
Assineau River Provincial Recreation Area	32 km W. of Slave Lake along Hwy. 2
Beauvais Lake Provincial Park	11 km W. & 8 km S. of Pincher Creek
Big Hill Springs Provincial Park	10 km N. & 7 km E. of Cochrane on Hwy. 567
Big Knife Provincial Park	8 km W. & 13 km S. of Forestburg on Sec. Rd. 855
Bonnie Lake Provincial Recreation Area	3 km E. of Vilna along Hwy. 28 & 3 km N.
Calhoun Bay Provincial Recreation Area	8 km E. & 8 km N. of Buck Lake on Buck Mountain Rd.
Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park	25 km N. of Whitecourt on Hwy. 32 & 5 km E. on access road
Castle River Provincial Recreation Area	8 km W. of Pincher Creek off Hwy. 3
Chain Lakes Provincial Park	40 km S.W. of Nanton on Sec. Rd. 533
Cold Lake Provincial Park	5 km E. of the town of Cold Lake off Hwy. 28
Cooking Lake/ Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area	24 km E. of Sherwood Park on Hwy. 16
Crane Lake East Provincial Recreation Area	25 km W. of Cold Lake along Hwy. 55 & 6 km N.
Crane Lake West Provincial Recreation Area	25 km W. of Cold Lake along Hwy. 55 & 5 km N.
Crimson Lake Provincial Park	12 km W. & 8 km N. of Rocky Mountain House on Sec. Rd. 756
Cypress Hills Provincial Park	All campgrounds accessible by Hwy. 41
Dillberry Lake Provincial Park	15 km S. of Chauvin on Hwy. 17
Dinosaur Provincial Park	48 km N.E. of Brooks
Dunvegan Provincial Park and Historic Site	26 km S. of Fairview on Hwy. 2 or 21 km N. of Rycroft on Hwy. 2
English Bay Provincial Recreation Area	25 km N. of Cold Lake
Fallen Timber Provincial Recreation Area	25 km N.W. of Cremona on Sec. Rd. 582
Fish Creek Provincial Park	In Calgary off Bow Bottom Trail

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Floatingstone Lake Provincial Recreation Area	4 km W. of Ashmont on Hwy. 28A
Fork Lake Provincial Recreation Area	At Fork Lake on Sec. Rd. 867
Franchere Bay Provincial Recreation Area	2 km N. of Bonnyville on Hwy. 41, 18 km W. on Sec. Rd. 660 & 2 km S.
Garner Lake Provincial Park	5 km N. of Spedden
Ghost Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	22 km W. of Cochrane on Hwy. 1A on Ghost Lake
Gregoire Lake Provincial Park	19 km S. & 10 km E. of Fort McMurray off Hwy. 63 on Sec. Rd. 881
Gunn Provincial Recreation Area	1 km E. of Gunn on Hwy. 43
Hasse Lake Provincial Park	11 km W. & 5 km S. of Stony Plain along Sec. Rd. 627
Jarvis Bay Provincial Park	7 km N. of the town of Sylvan Lake along Hwy. 20
Kinbrook Island Provincial Park	13 km S. of Brooks & 2 km W. off Sec. Rd. 873
Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park	11 km N. of Slave Lake off Hwy. 88; then 2 km W. & 3 km S.
Long Lake Provincial Park	20 km S. of Boyle on Sec. Rd. 831
Lower Mann Lake Provincial Recreation Area	6 km E. of Ashmont on Hwy. 28A
Lundbreck Falls Provincial Recreation Area	3 km W. of Lundbreck along Hwy. 3
Midland Provincial Park	6 km W. of Drumheller on Hwy. 838
Miquelon Lake Provincial Park	3 km S. & 20 km E. of New Sarepta on Sec. Rd. 623
Moonshine Lake Provincial Park	28 km W. of Spirit River on Hwy. 49 and 4 km N. on Sec. Rd. 725
Moose lake Provincial Park	5 km N. & 10 km W. of Bonnyville on Sec. Rd. 660 and 2 km S.
Muriel Lake Provincial Recreation Area	14 km S. of Bonnyville along Sec. Rd. 657

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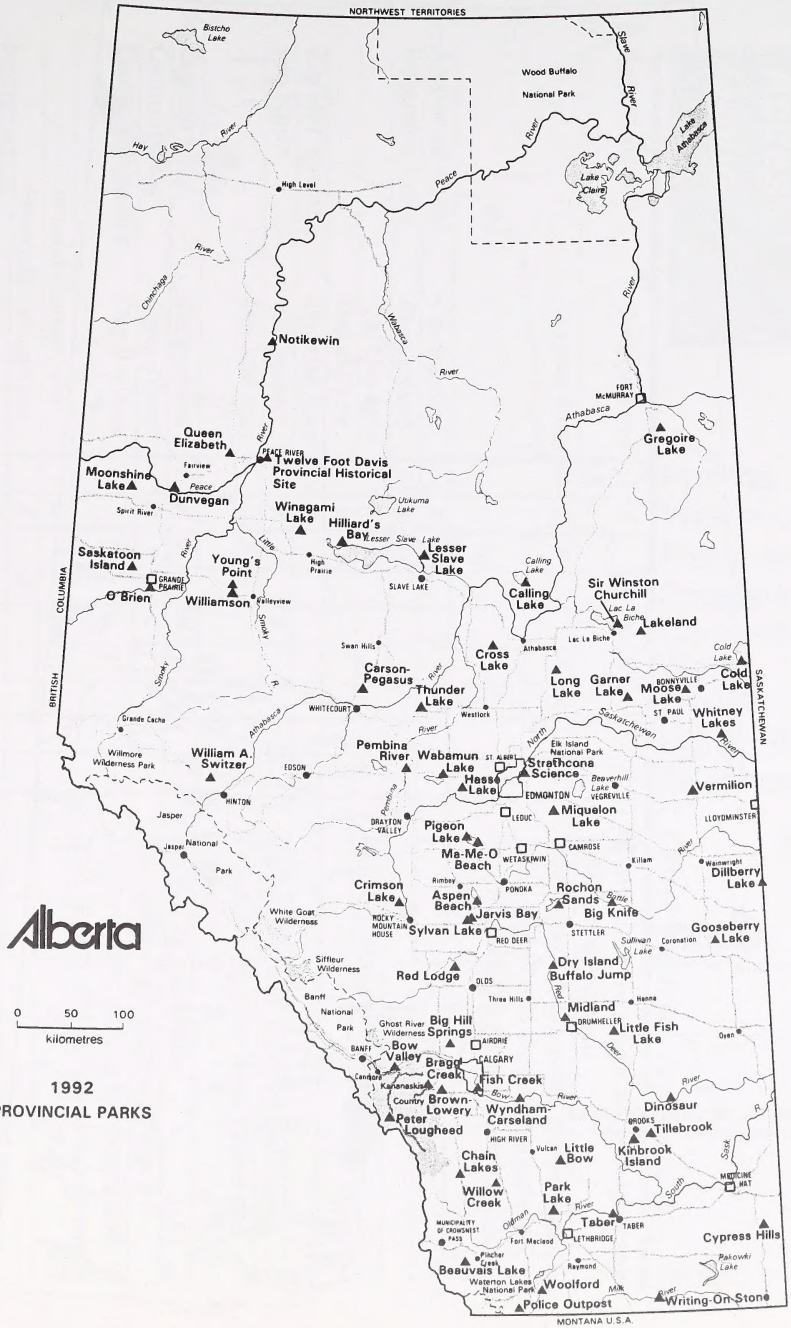
O'Brien Provincial Park	15 km S. of Grande Prairie on Hwy. 40
Park Lake Provincial Park	17 km N.W. of Lethbridge on Hwy. 25, then W. & N. on Sec. Rd. 101
Pembina River Provincial Park	1 km S.E. of Evansberg on Hwy. 22
Pigeon Lake Provincial Park	5 km W. & 10 km N. of Westerose
Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park	3 km N. & 5 km W. of Grimshaw off Hwy. 35
Red Lodge Provincial Park	14 km W. of Bowden along Sec. Rd. 587
Rochon Sands Provincial Park	At Rochon Sands on Sec. Rd. 835
Saskatoon Island Provincial Park	19 km. W. & 3 km N. of Grande Prairie off Hwy. 2
Strathcona Science Park	E. of Edmonton on Hwy. 16 & S. on 17 St.
Sylvan Lake Provincial Park	In the town of Sylvan Lake
Taber Provincial Park	2 km W. & 3 km N. of Taber on Sec. Rd. 864
Thunder Lake Provincial Park	21 km W. of Barrhead on Hwy. 18
Tillebrook Provincial Park	7 km E. of Brooks on Hwy. 1
Tolman Bridge Provincial Recreation Area	Location 20 km E. of Trochu along Sec. Rd. 585
Vermilion Provincial Park	In the town of Vermilion
Wabamun Lake Provincial Park	3 km E. & 2 km S. of Wabamun
Whitney Lakes Provincial Park	24 km E. of Elk Point on Sec. Rd. 646
William A. Switzer Provincial Park	3 km W. & 19 km N. of Hinton on Hwy. 40
Williamson Provincial Park	17 km W. of Valleyview & 2 km N. off Hwy. 54
Winigami Lake Provincial Park	17 km S. & 11 km E. of McLennan on Sec. Rd. 679
Wyndham-Carseland Provincial Park	2 km E. & 2 km S. of Carseland on Hwy. 24
Young's Point Provincial Park	26 km W. of Valleyview and 10 km N. off Hwy. 34



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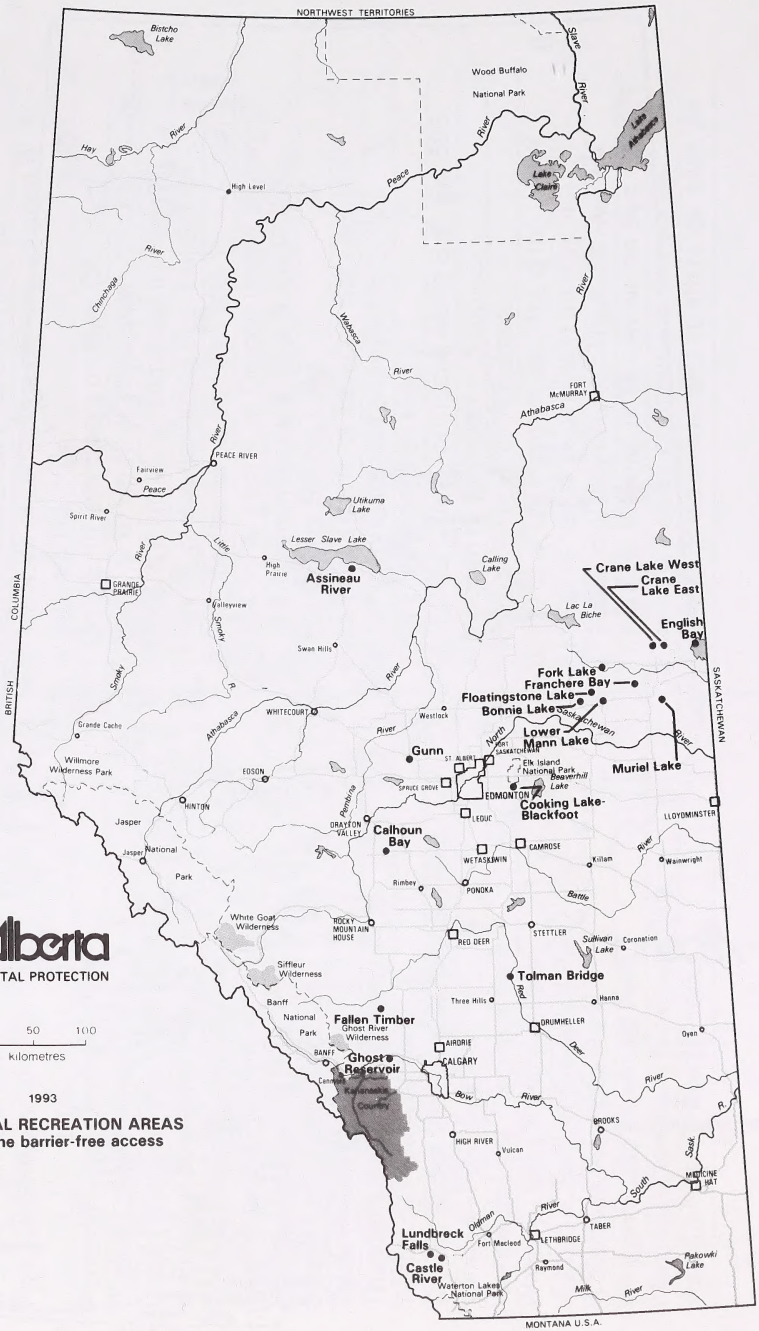

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Aspen Beach	-Campground		✘		✘	✘	✘		✘	Campsites with table and stove (some with power), beach
	-Day Use Area	✘	✘	✘			✘	✘		✘	Beach, wood, garbage, picnic sites have tables and stoves, concession, information, playground and outdoor shower
Assineau River	-Campground		✘							
Beauvais Lake	-Campground		✘							
	-Day Use Area		✘							Fishing along shoreline
	-Group Camp		✘						✘	
Big Hill Springs	-Day Use Area		✘							
Big Knife	-Campground		✘			✘				Campsites with table and stove
	-Day Use Area		✘	✘						Wood, picnic sites have tables and stoves
Bonnie Lake	-Campground		✘	✘		✘				Beach, 44 campsites
Calhoun Bay	-Campground		✘			✘				Campsites with table and stove
Carson Pegasus	-Day Use Area	✘		✘						Trail provides access to concession, boat launch and fishing along seawall
	-McLeod Campground		✘							
	-Peninsula Campground		✘		✘					
Castle River	-Campground		✘						✘	
Chain Lakes	-Campground		✘			✘			✘	6 Paved campsites, group use area

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Cold Lake -Day Use / Campground		✘		✘	✘	✘				Beach, amphitheatre, 32 campsites
-Group Camp		✘						✘		
Cooking Lake/ Blackfoot										
-Waskahegan Staging Area	✘						✘			
Crane Lake East -Campground		✘						✘		
Crane Lake West -Campground		✘	✘					✘		Beach, firepits
Crimson Lake -Campground		✘		✘	✘	✘				Campsites with table and stove, playground
Cypress Hills (Winter)										
-Hidden Valley Ski Hill		✘								Concession
Dillberry Lake -Campground		✘		✘						Administration building
Dinosaur -Day Use Area										Viewpoint, fossil house #4, field station, buses equipped with lift
Dunvegan -Campground		✘			✘		✘	✘	✘	Wood, 3 campsites
-Day Use Area		✘	✘				✘	✘		2 horseshoe pits, 3 paved picnic sites with stoves
English Bay -Campground		✘						✘		
Fallen Timber -Campground					✘					All campsites
Fish Creek -Day Use Area		✘	✘				✘	✘	✘	Visitor centre, concession, interpretive trail
Floatingstone Lake -Campground		✘	✘		✘		✘			Beach, 66 campsites
Fork Lake -Campground					✘					Beach, 46 campsites

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Franchere Bay	-Campground		✘	✘		✘	✘		✘		Beach, 200 campsites
Garner Lake	-Campground		✘	✘		✘					Change rooms, administration building, 60 campsites
Ghost Reservoir	-Campground		✘			✘			✘		All R.V. campsites
Gregoire Lake	-Campground		✘			✘	✘				Boat launch, 50 campsites
	-Day Use Area	✘	✘	✘				✘		✘	Beach
	-Group Camp		✘						✘		
Gunn	-Campground		✘								
Hasse Lake	-Day Use Area	✘		✘				✘	✘	✘	Pier, information kiosk
Jarvis Bay	-Campground		✘			✘		✘		✘	2 campsites with tables and stoves
Kinbrook Island	-Day Use Area		✘					✘			Administration building, boat launch, concession
Lesser Slave Lake	-Campground				✘						
	-Day Use Area		✘					✘			Trail to beach, viewpoint with tables
Long Lake	-Campground		✘		✘	✘		✘		✘	3 paved campsites
	-Day Use Area							✘			Paved trail to beach, concession
Lower Mann Lake	-Campground		✘	✘		✘		✘			70 campsites
Lundbreck Falls	-Campground		✘								
Midland	-Day Use Area		✘					✘			Viewpoint, visitor centre, information kiosk
Miquelon Lake	-Campground		✘		✘	✘					3 campsites

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Moonshine Lake	-Campground		✘			✘	✘				2 paved campsites
	-Day Use Area			✘							1 paved picnic site with table and stove
Moose Lake	-Campground		✘			✘	✘				59 campsites
Muriel Lake	-Campground		✘	✘		✘			✘		18 campsites
O'Brien	-Day Use Area		✘								
Park Lake	-Campground		✘			✘		✘			1 paved double campsite with power
	-Day Use Area	✘	✘					✘			
	-Group Camp A		✘						✘		
Pembina River	-All Areas	✘	✘	✘			✘		✘	✘	
Pigeon Lake	-Campground		✘		✘	✘	✘				Concession, 3 campsites with table and stove
Queen Elizabeth	-Campground		✘			✘		✘	✘		2 campsites
	-Day Use Area	✘	✘					✘	✘		6 picnic tables
Red Lodge	-Campground		✘			✘					Wood, 2 campsites with table and stove
	-Day Use Area		✘	✘							Beach
Rochon Sands	-Campground		✘			✘	✘				Campsites with table and stove
	-Day Use Area			✘							

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Saskatoon Island	-Campground		✘								
	-Day Use Area		✘					✘			Boat launch
	-Group Camp		✘								
Strathcona Science Park											
	-Day Use Area		✘	✘				✘	✘		Picnic tables, ski chalet
Sylvan Lake	-Day Use Area	✘	✘	✘				✘		✘	Beach
Taber	-Campground		✘						✘		
Thunder Lake	-All Areas	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	Pier, concession, beach
Tillebrook	-Campground		✘			✘			✘		Administration building, laundry room, 4 campsites
Tolman Bridge	-Campground		✘					✘			
Vermilion	-Campground		✘			✘					All campsites
Wabamun Lake	-Day Use Area	✘	✘	✘			✘	✘	✘	✘	Change room, pier, information kiosk
	-Campground -Group Camp	✘	✘			✘	✘			✘	Administration building, information kiosk
Whitney Lakes											
	-Whitney Lakes Campground					✘				✘	Administration building, 5 campsites
	-Ernie's Point Day Use Area		✘								
	-Ross Lake Campground		✘		✘	✘	✘		✘	✘	14 campsites
William A. Switzer	-All Areas	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	Boat launch, pier, amphitheatre, information kiosk, serviced campsites

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Williamson	-Campground		✘						✘		
Winagami Lake	-Campground					✘					
	-Day Use Area	✘	✘							✘	Trail to bird viewing platform and scopes
Wyndham-Carseland											
	-Day Use Area		✘					✘			
Young's Point	-Campground		✘								
	-Day Use Area		✘								Beach, boat launch
	-Group Camp		✘						✘		

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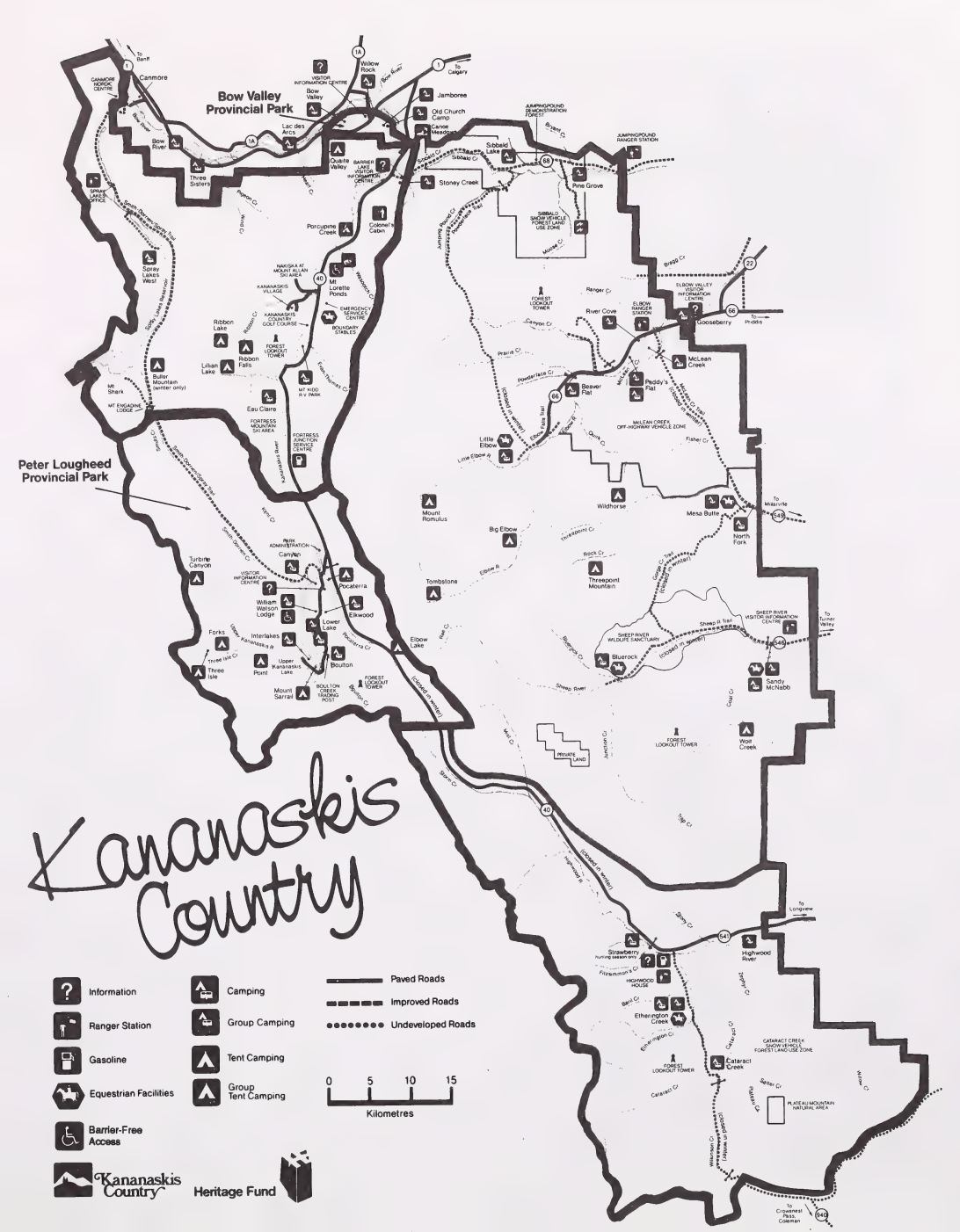
Wheelchair Accessible Facilities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Stoney Creek
Pine Grove
Porcupine Creek
Colonel's Cabin
Mt Lorette Ponds
Ribbon Lake
Ribbon Falls
Lilian Lake
Buller Mountain (winter only)
Eau Claire
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Mount Sarrail
Elbow Lake
Tombstone
Mount Romulus
Big Elbow
Threepoint Mountain
Bluerock
Sandy McNabb
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Plateau Mountain Natural Area
Cataract Creek Snow Vehicle Forest Land Use Zone
Forest Lookout Tower
Private Land
Jumping Pound Ranger Station
Jumping Pound Demonstration Forest
Sibbald Snow Vehicle Forest Land Use Zone
Elbow Valley Visitor Information Centre
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Canmore Nordic Centre
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Mt Kidd RV Park
Fortress Mountain Ski Area
Bow Valley Trail
Spray Lakes Road
Smith-Dorrien Trail
Highwood Pass
Kananaskis Trail
Elbow Falls Trail
Elbow Pass Trail
Sheep River Trail
Highway 40 (closed in winter)
To Longview
To Turner Valley
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Kananaskis Country										
Bow Valley Provincial Park And Vicinity										
Bow Valley Visitor Centre	X	X	X						X	Display area
Campgrounds										
-Bow Valley				X		X			X	Amphitheatre has front row seating
-Eau Claire	X	X			X	X			X	Registration booth, (wood pile and garbage not accessible)
-Mount Kidd R.V. Park	X	X		X	X	X			X	Sauna, store (some paved campsites)
Day Use Areas										
-Canmore Nordic Centre	X	X		X		X	X		X	2.5 km paved trail (difficult due to grade)
-Fortress Junction	X	X								Service station, store
-Ribbon Creek	X	X	X			X	X			
-Kovach Pond	X	X	X				X			
-Mt. Lorette Pond	X	X	X				X			Fishing
-Evan Thomas	X	X								
Barrier Travel Information Centre	X	X	X			X	X		X	

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Peter Lougheed Provincial Park										
Park Visitor Centre	✘	✘					✘			Information, interpretive displays
Campgrounds										
-Canyon	✘	✘			✘	✘	✘			
-Elkwood	✘	✘		✘	✘	✘	✘		✘	Paved bike trail, amphitheatre, 5 km interpretive trail (moderately difficult)
-Boulton	✘	✘		✘	✘	✘	✘		✘	Amphitheatre, paved bike trail
-Lower Lake	✘	✘			✘					Registration booth and wood
-Mt. Sarrail	✘	✘								Registration booth and wood
-Interlakes	✘	✘			✘					Registration booth and wood
William Watson Lodge	✘	✘	✘		✘	✘	✘		✘	Firepits, cabins with showers and utilities, paved bike trail (NB This is a popular facility, for reservation call: 591-7227).
Group Use Areas										For booking group camping call: 678-5508
-Lower Lake Group Camp		✘						✘		
-Pocaterra Group Camp		✘						✘		
Day Use Areas										
-Grizzly Creek	✘									Viewpoint only
-King Creek	✘	✘	✘							Interpretive trail not accessible
-Lower Lake	✘	✘	✘							Wood

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-Camera Veiwpoint	✘		✘							
-Boulton Creek Trading Post	✘	✘	✘						✘	Groceries, restaurant
-Highwood Meadows	✘	✘	✘				✘			Interpretive trail, boardwalk
Spray Valley										
Day Use Area										
-Spray Lakes	✘	✘	✘							Most accessible site in Spray Valley
Elbow Valley										
Elbow Visitor Centre	✘		✘							
Day Use Areas										
-Allen Bill Pond	✘	✘	✘				✘	✘		.5 km trail easy
-Bragg Creek Provincial Park	✘	✘	✘							Day use parking only
-Elbow Falls	✘	✘	✘				✘			Trail to falls (.2 km easy)
-Forget Me Not Pond	✘	✘	✘				✘			Fishing
Sibbald										
Day Use Areas										
-Demonstration Forest	✘	✘					✘			Exhibits
-Sibbald Viewpoint	✘									Benches at viewpoint

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Highwood/Cataract Creek										
-Highwood House Day Use Area	✘	✘	✘			✘			✘	Ranger station, store and service centre